



2013 REGIONAL CONFERENCE REPORTS

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MAPPAMidwest Region

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The MAPP region is blessed with one of APPA's strongest chapters, Michigan's MiAPPA. This year's conference, located at Grand Rapids in the Amway Grand Hotel during October 27-31, was a joint effort between the region and chapter. Over 530 attendees and business partners found the conference to be a great value and a lot of fun.

Also affiliated with MAPP and conducting events at this year's conference were the Big Ten and Friends Trainer's Network and the Big Ten and Friends Building Services Administrators groups. Each of these groups gathered for presentations and experience exchange sessions.

Brandon Baswell (Michigan State University), Tim Thimmesch (Grand Valley State University), and Peter Strazdas (Western Michigan University) were instrumental in leading the host committee. The conference went off without a hitch, and the food received rave reviews thanks to the tireless efforts of all the committee members.

The MAPP region prides itself on both value and fun. The conference offered a well attended set of formal educational sessions, the always popular experience exchange sessions, and the trade show was successfully integrated into conference activities. Attendees and business partners mingled in the Gerald Ford Presidential Museum, the Frederick Meijer Gardens and Sculpture Park, and at Grand Rapids' famous B.O.B. (Big Old Building).

MAPP Professional Development Chair Dana Gillon (University of Illinois – Champaign/Urbana) led a dedicated group of committee members who carefully selected sessions, facilitated the presentations, and acted as ambassadors for First Time Attendees, Business Partners, and members.

The annual business meeting featured oral reports from board members to the region membership and two elections were conducted. Bob Currie (Iowa State University) was elected Secretary to replace Kris Ackerbauer (University of Wisconsin – Madison) as Kris' term expired. Mike Hamilton (Iowa State University) was elected to the President-Elect position. Treasurer Art Chonko (Denison University) reported the region to be in sound financial health.

The Helen DeVos Children's Hospital in Grand Rapids will receive \$1960.00 courtesy of participants in the fund raiser raffle and those who graciously donated prizes.

At the Presidents' Reception and Dinner, outgoing President Kristie Kowall recognized John Coggins (Spirotherm, Inc), Michael Anthony (University of Michigan),

and MAPP Historian Becky Hines with the Presidential Service Award.

APPA President-Elect Randolph Hare (Washington and Lee University) presented the APPA President's Award for Emerging Professionals to Amy Carnahan (Michigan State University) and installed the 2013–2014 MAPP Board.

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The Gold Company ensemble (Western Michigan University) performs at the President's Reception and Dinner

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